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SUBJECT: CYPRIOT REACTION TO CARTER APPEARANCE BEFORE SENATE
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1. GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS FOCUSED DURING WEEKEND ON PRESIDENT-
ELECT CARTER'S TESTIMONY BEFORE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COM-
MITTEE NOV 23. SEMI-OFFICIAL PHILELEFTHEROS DEC 4 CLAIMED THAT
GREEK JUBILATION AT CARTER'S ELECTION WAS "JUSTIFIED IN VIEW OF
ELECTION PROMISES MADE BY CARTER AND PEOPLE IN HIS ENTOURAGE
AND CONSIDERING THE FLAGRANT INJUSTICE DONE TO CYPRUS, FOR
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WHICH AMERICA'S SHARE OF THE RESPONSIBILITY IS ENORMOUS."

PAPER WELCOMED "OBJECTIVITY" IF IT "TAKES ACCOUNT OF THE CORRECT DATA OF PROBLEM" I.E. GREEKS ARE 82 PERCENT OF CYPRIOT POPULATION, TURKS 18 PERCENT. PRO-CLERIDES SIMERINI PREDICTED CARTER WOULD SERVE AMERICAN NATIONAL INTEREST AND TRY FOR FAIR AND ACCEPTABLE SOLUTIONS IN AEGEAN AND CYPRUS. PAPER WARNED READERS NOT TO JUMP TO CONCLUSIONS OR "START ATTACKING CARTER FROM NOW ON BECAUSE OF INCONSISTENCY, BETRAYAL OF PRINCIPLES, ETC."

2. CONSERVATIVE AGHON DEC 5 CALLED CARTER'S COMMENT ON GREEK CELEBRATIONS OF HIS VICTORY "UNFORTUNATE STATEMENT" AND NOTED "MANY CONTRADICTIONS IN MR CARTER'S STATEMENTS AFTER THE ELECTIONS COMPARED WITH THOSE HE MADE DURING THE CAMPAIGN. WE WOULD LIKE TO THINK THAT THE HOPES RAISED WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED, AND MR CARTER WILL REALLY PROVE TO BE OBJECTIVE." PRO-MAKARIOS WEEKLY KYPROS DEC 6 CLAIMED OBJECTIVITY IS "JUST WHAT WE WANT, THAT IS, THE IMPARTIAL CRITICISM OF BOTH PARTIES' ACTIONS AND A DECISIVENESS WHICH IS INTENDED TO RESTORE JUSTICE." PRO-COMMUNIST WEEKLY DEMOKRATIA CLAIMED GREEK CELEBRATIONS TOOK PLACE IN BELIEF CARTER WILL BE OBJECTIVE. PAPER REGRETTED "HASTE" WITH WHICH CELEBRATIONS OCCURRED. WAIT-AND-SEE POLICY WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER ADVISED IN VIEW OF BITTER PAST EXPERIENCES WITH U.S. POLICY."

3. TURK CYPRIOT PRESS, EMERGING TODAY FROM A QUIET FOUR-DAY RELIGIOUS HOLIDAY, HAS NOT FOUND OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT EDITOR- IALLY ON NOV 23 STATEMENTS OF PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER. FIRST NEWS REPORT, HOWEVER, HIGHLIGHTED LATTER'S INTENTION TO DEAL WITH GREEK-TURKISH ISSUES OBJECTIVELY AND THE IMPORTANCE HE ATTACHED TO TURKISH BASES; NOTED GREEK REACTION TO STATEMENTS; AND FOLLOWING A MONTH OF ANXIOUS CARTER-WATCHING, SOMEWHAT SMUGLY HEADLINED STORIES "CARTER STATEMENT STIRS CONFUSION AMONG GREEKS." CRAWFORD

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